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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NORWAY PONDERES ELEVATION OF PRG REPRESENTATION

REF: (A) SAIGON 11198 (B) SAIGON 10931 (C) STOCKHOLM 3548

BEGIN SUMMARY. NORWAY IS CONSIDERING UPGRADING PRG REPRESENTATION FROM INFORMATION OFFICE TO GENERAL DELEGATION FOLLOWING SWEDISH DECISION AND IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM THE LEFT. AMBASSADOR BYRNE HAS FORCEFULLY RESTATED US VIEWS TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR BYRNE HAS VOICED USG CONCERN TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND OVER POSSIBLE UPGRADING OF PRG REPRESENTATION HERE FROM INFORMATION OFFICE TO GENERAL DELEGATION.

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AUGUST 26TH MEETING PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY ON

EVE OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR NORDIC GATHERING IN REYKJAVIK TO RESTATE USG VIEWS ON PRG REPRESENTATION DRAWING UPON ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B.

2. FRYDENLUND SAID THAT MATTER WAS UNDER REVIEW BY GON IN LIGHT OF MOUNTING POLITICAL PRESSURE "FROM THE LEFT" TO UPGRADE PRG STATUS. (IN FACT, LONG STANDING PRG REQUEST WAS BIGOROUSLY RENEWED EARLY THIS MONTH IN ANTICIPATION OF FAVORABLE SWEDISH DECISION.) FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO FELT ISSUE LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED IN STORTING (PARLIAMENT) FALL SESSION. HE STATED THAT NO IMMEDIATE ACTION IS ANTICIPATED BUT IF PRESSURE MOUNTED, NORWAY MIGHT FEEL COMPELLED TO MAKE SOME GESTURE TO PLACATE THE LEFT. FRYDENLUND PRECLUDED FULL RECOGNITION IN FAVOR OF SWEDISH EXAMPLE SHOULD NORWAY OPT FOR UPGRADING.

3. SPECULATING ON ALTERNATIVES, FRYDENLUND WONDERED IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO LEAVE THE PRG OFFICE STATUS UNCHANGED AND TO UPGRADE THE LEVEL OF CONTACT THE PRG REPRESENTATIVE HAD WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WHERE THE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTLY SEES SECTION CHEIFS. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR IF THERE WAS ANY ACTION OF THIS NATURE WHICH U.S. WOULD FIND INOFFENSIVE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW OF NONE SINE WE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ENHANCING PRG STATUS.

4. EARLIER ON AUGUST 26, AMBASSADOR CONFERRED UNOFFICIALLY WITH THE NEW SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NGUYEN PHUONG THIEP WHO FORMALLY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO KING OLAV THE FOLLOWING DAY. THIS MEETING, ALSO ATTENDED BY SAIGON'S RESIDENT DIPLOMAT IN OSLO, LE KHAC HOAI, WAS OUR FIRST CONFIRMATION OF RENEWAL OF PRG REQUEST HERE. INSISTENT REQUESTS BY THIEP TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND FAILED (THIEP APPARENTLY EVEN OFFERED TO FLY TO REYKJAVIK TO SEE THE MINISTER) AND HE HAD TO CONTENT HIMSELF WITH SECRETARY GENERAL GJELLUM AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR VIBE.

5. COMMENT: IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT GON WILL MOVE ON THIS ISSUE SOON BUT IF PRESSURE DOES BUILD UP FOREIGN MINISTER IS CLEARLY EXPLORING WAYS TO GIVE A POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT  
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"HALF-A-LOAF". WHILE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS THOROUGHLY FMAILIAR WITH THE US POSITION, WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT THIS FACT WILL SWAY A NORWEGIAN POLICY WHICH ALREADY DIVIDES ITS AID OF VIETNAM INTO THREE EQUAL PARTS-- HANOI, SAIGON AND PRG. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ANY MEASURE WHICH WE MIGHT SUGGEST THAT WOULD GIVE SEMBLANCE OF MOTION BUT NO SUBSTANCE, FRYDENLUND WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME IT. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE DISCOURAGE ANY ACTION

BY GON ON THIS MATTER.  
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